

---

**Editor-in-Chief**

Stephanie Rozman

**Assistant Editors**

Megan Henricks

Kelly Jones

**Public Relations Chair**

Alexander Rosenberg

**Editorial Board**

Christopher Barber

Brian Casey

Jason Cox

Nathan Dailey

Kimbrey Havens

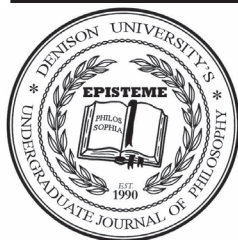
Sarah Kalinowski

Megan Keaveney

Susan Stevens

**Faculty Advisor**

Alexandra Bradner



*Episteme* is published annually by a staff of undergraduate students at Denison University.

Please send all inquires to:

The Editors, *Episteme*,  
Department of Philosophy,  
Blair Knapp Hall,  
Denison University,  
Granville, Ohio 43023.

[episteme@denison.edu](mailto:episteme@denison.edu)

---

**Statement of Purpose**

---

*Episteme* aims to recognize and encourage excellence in undergraduate philosophy by providing examples of some of the best work currently being done in undergraduate philosophy programs around the world by offering undergraduates their first opportunity to publish philosophical work. It is our hope that the journal will help stimulate philosophical dialogue and inquiry among students and faculty at colleges and universities.

*Episteme* will consider papers written by undergraduate students in any area of philosophy; throughout our history we have published papers on a wide array of thinkers and topics, ranging from Ancient to Contemporary and philosophical traditions including Analytic, Continental, and Eastern. All papers undergo a process of blind review by the editorial staff and are evaluated according to the following criteria: quality of research, depth of philosophical inquiry, creativity, original insight, and clarity. Final selections are made by vote of the editors and the editorial board.

Please see the Call for Papers in the back cover for information on submitting to our next volume.

# EPISTEME

---

An International Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy

---

Volume XIX

May 2008

## CONTENTS

---

Statement of Purpose and Editorial Staff	4
Table of Contents	5
<b>Nietzsche's Eternal Recurrence as a Psychological Test of Action</b>	6
Micah Dugas, <i>University of Louisiana at Lafayette</i>	
<b>Forcing Freedom: Applying Mill's Principles of Liberty in an International Society</b>	23
Jill Zimmerman, <i>Tulane University</i>	
<b>Possible Worlds and Counterfactuals: Critique and Commentary on Complicating Causation</b>	34
Roman Feiman, <i>University of Toronto</i>	
<b>The Natural Philosophies of Descartes and Newton: A Kuhnian Reflection</b>	41
Stephen Trochimchuk, <i>Lakehead University</i>	
Call For Papers, Vol. XX (2009)	60

---

The editors express sincere appreciation to the Provost's Office, the Denison Honors Program, Melissa Rubins, and Faculty Advisor Alexandra Bradner for their assistance in making the publication of this journal possible.

We extend special gratitude to the other Philosophy Department Faculty: Mark Moller, Barbara Fultner, Tony Lisska, Jonathan Maskit, Ronald E. Santoni, and Steven Vogel for their support.